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COUNTRY CHINA

DOI MID - MARCH - 18 MAY 1968

SUBJECT ECONOMIC DISLOCATION IN CHUNGKING
FOLLOWING WEEKS OF SERIOUS FIGHTING.

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(SUMMARY. THE SERIOUS FIGHTING WHICH RAGED IN CHUNGKING FROM MID-MARCH TO EARLY MAY WAS BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL WHEN THE PLA INTERVENED AND CONFISCATED THE WEAPONS PREVIOUSLY SEIZED FROM THE MILITARY BY THE WARRING FACTIONS. BY 18 MAY, A SEMBLANCE OF ORDER HAD BEEN RESTORED IN THE CITY, AND WAS BEING MAINTAINED BY ARMED MILITARY PATROLS. THERE REMAINED, HOWEVER, THE LEGACY OF THE FIGHTING: DAMAGED PLANTS, CLOSED SCHOOLS, AND SHORTAGES OF BASIC COMMODITIES.)
END SUMMARY.

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1. [REDACTED]
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2. SERIOUS FIGHTING BROKE OUT [REDACTED] AGAIN IN
MID-MARCH. [REDACTED] THE TWO
FACTIONS SEIZED WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION FROM THE
LIBERATION ARMY TROOPS, AND FROM THEN ON THE CITY
WAS FILLED WITH THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE. EVEN THE
LIBERATION ARMY COULD NOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
MARKETS AND SHOPS WERE CLOSED, AND TRAFFIC CAME TO
A COMPLETE STANDSTILL IN THE CITY. ANYONE WALKING IN
THE STREETS WAS LIABLE TO BE KILLED AT ANY MOMENT.
[REDACTED] THE LIBERATION ARMY BROUGHT IN THE TWO
VITAL COMMODITIES OF RICE AND COAL. AND THUS THE
FOUR MILLION PEOPLE OF CHUNGKING DID NOT STARVE--
THOUGHT THE FOOD SITUATION WAS [REDACTED] PRETTY TENSE.

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3. THE [REDACTED] SITUATION LASTED UNTIL THE
BEGINNING OF MAY, WHEN THE CENTRAL ANNOUNCED IT WAS
DETERMINED TO SETTLE THE CHUNGKING SITUATION. THE
[REDACTED]

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CENTRAL EMPOWERED THE CHUNGKING GARRISON [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TO RETRIEVE ALL WEAPONS. AFTER
THAT, THE FIGHTING CAME TO AN ABRUPT HALT.
NONETHELESS, THE WEEKS OF FIGHTING BROUGHT SERIOUS
DAMAGE TO MANY PLANTS, SCHOOLS, AND HOUSES.

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4. THERE ARE STILL A LARGE NUMBER OF GUNS
WHICH THE CHUNGKING GARRISON HAS NOT RETRIEVED.
INTERMITTENT GUNFIRE CAN STILL BE HEARD, AND
MURDERS AND ROBBERIES TAKE PLACE FREQUENTLY. HOWEVER,
THE LIBERATION ARMY HAD PUT ON EXTRA SENTRIES AND ARMED
PATROLS, AND THIS HAS MADE THE CITY SOMEWHAT SAFER
FOR THE PEOPLE. ORDER IS GRADUALLY BEING RESTORED.
POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES ARE RESUMING
SLOWLY, AFTER BEING COMPLETELY CUT OFF SINCE MID - MARCH.
POSTAL EMPLOYEES ARE STILL APPREHENSIVE ABOUT RETURNING
TO WORK.

5. THE MARKET REMAINS TERRIBLE TENSE. AT PRESENT,
ONE CAN ONLY BUY SOME FRESH GREENS FROM THE PEASANTS.
NATURALLY, THE PRICE OF THESE GREENS HAS RISEN SHARPLY.
SUCH ITEMS AS SOAP AND TOOTHPASTE ARE COMPLETELY OUT
[REDACTED]

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OF STOCK. [REDACTED]

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6. ALL LOCAL SCHOOLS ARE IN A STATE OF
PARALYSIS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IT
IS [REDACTED] VERY DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WHETHER SERIOUS
FIGHTING WILL RESUME, BUT [REDACTED] IF IT DOES,
IT WILL NOT BECOME AS SERIOUS AS IT WAS IN MARCH.
[REDACTED] BECAUSE THE PEOPLE HAVE A DEEP HATRED OF FIGHTING,
AND THEY ARE ALL FOR THE LIBERATION ARMY TAKING THE
NECESSARY MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD SECURITY.

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7. [REDACTED] DISSEM. CINCPAC PACFLT ARPAC PACAF

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